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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
10 AT TACOMA

11 MICHAEL DENTON,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 LT. CHARLA JAMES-HUTCHISON,  
15 SGT. JACKIE CARUSO,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. 16-5314 RJB

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
SET SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE  
TO ACCEPT DEFENDANTS'  
OFFER

17 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Set Settlement  
18 Conference to Accept Defendants' Offer. Dkt. 195. The Court has considered the pleadings  
19 filed regarding the motion and the remaining record.

20 On April 28, 2016, Plaintiff, a prisoner acting *pro se*, filed this case pursuant to 42 U.S.C.  
21 § 1983. Dkts. 1 and 4. This case is set to begin trial on August 13, 2018, on the Plaintiff's claim  
22 that while he was a pre-trial detainee in the Pierce County, Washington jail, Defendants  
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1 Lieutenant Charla James-Hutchinson and Sergeant Jackie Caruso violated his due process rights  
2 when they revoked his good time credits. Dkt. 99.

3 On June 14, 2018, the Plaintiff filed the instant motion, notifying the Court of his  
4 intention to accept Defendants' settlement offer. Dkt. 195. He requests that U.S. Magistrate  
5 Judge J. Richard Creatura set up a video conference to arrange the settlement agreement between  
6 the parties. *Id.* Defendants did not respond to the motion.

7 The motion (Dkt. 195) should be denied. Judge Creatura has already held a settlement  
8 conference in this case. Without the Defendants' indication that an additional settlement  
9 conference would be helpful, none should be ordered. The parties are strongly encouraged to  
10 continue settlement negotiations while preparing for trial. If settlement is reached, the parties  
11 should notify the Court as quickly as possible. All other deadlines and motions remain pending.

12 **ORDER**

13 It is **ORDERED** that:

- 14 • Plaintiff's Motion to Set Settlement Conference to Accept Defendants' Offer (Dkt. 195)  
15 **IS DENIED**; and  
16 • All other deadlines and motions remain pending.

17 The Clerk is directed to send uncertified copies of this Order to all counsel of record and  
18 to any party appearing *pro se* at said party's last known address.

19 Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2018.

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21 ROBERT J. BRYAN  
22 United States District Judge  
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